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REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) MET ON JAN 12 AND APPROVED

RC POSITION FOR NEGOTIATION OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT-PARTIES PACT.

END SUMMARY.

1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL: FOLLOWING JAN 12 MEETING, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ISSUED STATEMENT REPORTING IT HAD:

-- EXAMINED PROPOSAL PREPARED BY RC NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM)- PARTIES PACT. RC ALSO AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL TO POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THEIR

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REACTIONS.

-- REVIEWED PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO NOV 25 COUP ATTEMPT. RC REQUESTED COMMISSION TO CONTINUE INQUIRY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUILTY MILITARY AND CIVILIANS. RC ASKED COMMISSION TO PUBLISH CONCLUSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

-- STUDIED DIRECTIVE WHICH DEFINES FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF ARMED FORCES IN REVOLUTION AND WHICH ESTABLISHES CODE OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE BASED ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

-- REVIEWED INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY SITUATIONS IN ANGOLA TIMOR.

2. GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION: ON JNA 12 SOCIALIST (PS) MINISTER OF FINANCE SALGADO ZENHA REITERATED HIS TOUGH POSITION ON RETENTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE ARTHUR SANTOS SILVA. ZENHA SAID THAT HE WOULD RESIGN IF POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPD) DISSIDENT SANTOS SILVA WERE FORCED OUT OF GOVERNMENT. ZENHA INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SOUSA FRANCA OF PPD AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE. PS-PPD DISAGREEMENT OVER RESPONSIBILITIES OF FINANCE SECRETARIAT REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

3. COMMENT: RC'S DECISIONS ON AFM-PARTIES PACT INDICATE "POLITICAL" AND "OPERATIONAL" MILITARY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON SHAPE OF REVISED PACT. EARLY AGREEMENT WITH PARTIES IS ESSENTIAL TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ACTION ON PENDING POLITICAL CHAPTER, AND TO PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS.
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